



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 237***

LCO No. 1394

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF POLICE ACTIVITY BY  
THE PUBLIC.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) For the purposes of  
2       this section, "peace officer" has the meaning provided in section 53a-3  
3       of the general statutes.

4       (b) A peace officer who interferes with any person taking a  
5       photographic or digital still or video image of such peace officer or  
6       another peace officer acting in the performance of such peace officer's  
7       duties shall, subject to sections 5-141d, 7-465 and 29-8a of the general  
8       statutes, be liable to such person in an action at law, suit in equity or  
9       other proper proceeding for redress.

10       (c) A peace officer shall not be liable under subsection (b) of this  
11       section if the peace officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the  
12       peace officer was interfering with the taking of such image in order to  
13       (1) lawfully enforce a criminal law of this state or a municipal  
14       ordinance, (2) protect the public safety, (3) preserve the integrity of a

15 crime scene or criminal investigation, (4) safeguard the privacy  
16 interests of any person, including a victim of a crime, or (5) lawfully  
17 enforce court rules and policies of the Judicial Branch with respect to  
18 taking a photograph, videotaping or otherwise recording an image in  
19 facilities of the Judicial Branch.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To protect the right of an individual to photograph or video record peace officers in the performance of their duties.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*